Hostels for Backward Communities.

23. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Hostels run by Government for Backward Communities;

(b) the places where they are located; and

(c) the number of students residing in each hostel, during the current academic year ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Three.

(b) Trivandrum, Kottayam and Nagercoil.

(c) Sri Chitra Harijan Hostel, Trivandrum 35.
Harijan Hostel, Nagercoil 26.
Harijan Hostel, Kottayam 21.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE INDUSTRIAL POLICY OF GOVERNMENT.

President: For some time I have been considering the question of making an announcement of policy which will intercommunicate the activities of the Education, Agriculture, Industries and Co-operative Departments. Having given the matter the earnest consideration that such a scheme deserves, I think it is the duty of Government to take this honourable House into their confidence and indicate to them the programme that is proposed to be followed by Government. The need is all the greater, because this House will very shortly consider the Demands in relation to these four Departments. The need is also urgent because unless an appropriate organisation, partly official but largely non-official in character, is brought into being without further delay we shall not be able to carry out those items for the programme which I shall presently place before this honourable House.

Something has been stated in the course of earlier discussions regarding the starting of the bigger industries in the State. Those industries include the Ship Building industry which will necessarily follow upon the inauguration of the scheme for coastal traffic, by coastal traffic being connoted not only traffic from here up to Cochin, but the All India Traffic from Travancore to other parts of India and from other parts of India to Travancore; in other words coastal shipping in relation to the export and import trade of Travancore. For that purpose, the assistance of All-India expert business men actually engaged in coastal traffic and coastal steam service and ship services have been availed of and the scheme will be started shortly. As a part of that scheme, it is proposed to take up—if Cochin and the Madras Governments agree with the Co-operation of these two Governments—if they find it difficult to

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